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National Assessment of Educational Progress Scores Released

LITTLE ROCK — The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), often referred to as the Nation's Report Card, released scores from the January through March 2015 administration. The assessments, administered to 268,700 of the nation's fourth graders and 264,400 of the nation's eighth graders, showed declining scores. 2015 NAEP national scores for grades 4 and 8 mathematics and grade 8 reading were lower than 2013, with grade 4 reading unchanged.

Arkansas administered the NAEP to 4,300 fourth graders and 4,600 eighth graders in 2015. When compared to 2013 state NAEP scores, Arkansas experienced a decline in fourth-grade mathematics from 240 in 2013 to 235 in 2015. Sixteen states experienced a statistically significant decline in fourth-grade math scores. Arkansas' eighth-grade math scores declined from 278 in 2013 to 275 in 2015 along with 22 states that experienced statistically significant drops in eighth-grade math scores. Fourth-grade reading declined in Arkansas from 219 in 2013 to 218 in 2015; eighth-grade reading declined from 262 in 2013 to 259 in 2015. With the exception of the significant decline in fourth-grade math, Arkansas reported slight declines in 2015; however, Arkansas has shown gradual but steady improvement since the early 1990s.

"While Arkansas has improved significantly in the last decade, it is clear that we have room to grow," Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key said. "These results affirm our need to press forward with high state education standards and high quality teaching. We will not back away from that commitment to our students."

To view the scores, go to <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states/>.

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Math	Year	Avg.	National	Math	Year	Avg.	National
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Math	Year	Avg.	National	Math	Year	Avg.	National
Grade 4	2015	235	240	Grade 8	2015	275	281
	2013	240	241		2013	278	284
	2011	238	240		2011	279	283
	2009	238	239		2009	276	282
	2007	238	239		2007	274	280
	2005	236	237		2005	272	278
	2003	229	234		2003	266	276
	2000	217	226		2000	261	274
	1996	216	222		1996	262	271
	1992	210	219		1992	256	267

Reading	Year	Avg.	National	Reading	Year	Avg.	National
Grade 4	2015	218	221	Grade 8	2015	259	264
	2013	219	221		2013	262	266
	2011	217	220		2011	259	264
	2009	216	220		2009	258	262
	2007	217	220		2007	258	261
	2005	217	217		2005	258	260
	2003	214	216		2003	258	261
	2002	213	217		2002	260	263
	1998	209	215		1998	256	261
	1994	209	212				
	1992	211	215				

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